HECTOR OF LICHFIELD, STAFFS

ARMS: Azure two lions rampant combatant or

CREST: Out of a mural coronet argent, masoned sable, a demi-lion azure, holding a palm-branch vert.

Edmund Hector of Lichfield, Staffs surgeon c1637-1709
m Dorcas Baxter dau of Richard Baxter of Lichfield, Staffs 1588-1663; i *as Dorithy* 30 Sep 1726 Lichfield St Michael; Will (Lichfield) 27 Aug 1726/2 Dec 1726
i *"Mr Edmund Hector"* 8 Dec 1709 Lichfield St Michael; Will (Lichfield) 29 Nov 1709/8 Dec 1710
(of Market Street, Lichfield, a volunteer for the defence of the city) 1661
(as Edward[sic], 5 hearths, Sadlers Street (incl. Market Street), Lichfield St Mary) 1666 HT
(Warden of Conduit Lands) 1669
(Sheriff, Lichfield) 25 Jul 1682
(Member, Lichfield Corporation) 17 Jul 1683
(Junior Bailiff, Lichfield) 25 Jul 1685
(Senior Bailiff, Lichfield) 25 Jul 1690
(aged 58, of Market Street, Lichfield, with 2 sons and a dau) 1695
[STEMMATA BOTEVILLIANA]
[NOTE: In his will he specifically mentions seven grandchildren who appear to be five children of his son George one of his son Benjamin and George Boylston]
chn: Edmund Hector c 19 Mar 1661.2 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Thomas Hector c 29 Nov 1663 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Edmund Hector c 3 Dec 1665 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Richard Hector c 21 Jul 1672 Lichfield St Mary; i 25 May 1677 Lichfield St Michael
Philip Hector c 2 Aug 1674 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
George Hector b c1676 below
John Hector c 22 Sep 1678 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Charles Hector c 27 Sep 1679 Lichfield St Mary; i 1 Apr 1690 Lichfield St Michael
James Hector c 4 Sep 1681 Lichfield St Mary; i 8 Sep 1694 Lichfield St Michael
Benjamin Hector c 31 Aug 1682 Lichfield St Mary further below
Nathaniel Hector c 9 Sep 1683 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Mary Hector c 14 Jan 1684 Lichfield St Mary; d *in infancy*
Ann Hector c 6 Apr 1686 Lichfield St Mary; m 11 Jun 1706 Lichfield St Mary: Henry Boylston; (and had chn: George c 15 Apr 1707 Lichfield St Mary); HE c 9 Aug 1679 Lichfield St Mary *son of George;* SHE i 17 Jun 1708 Lichfield St Michael

(1675, Lichfield St Michael) Margritt Hector widdow buried the 25th [Nov]

On the 14th of April, 1690, we find a lease of two acres of land in Lichfield granted to "Mr. Hector." On the 24th of July, 1700, Mr. Edmund Hector was expelled from the office of senior bailiff and from the corporation, for not obeying an order of the corporation not to swear any honorary freemen ; but on the llth of November following a mandamus was received from the King for the restoration of Mr. Edmund Hector into his office of justice of the peace and member of the corporation. [STEMMATA BOTEVILLIANA]

In the name of God, Amen. I, Edmund Hector, of the city and county of the city of Lichfield, chirurgeon, being of sound mind and memory, praised be Almighty God for the same, doe make this my will, revokeing all former wills by me made. First and principally, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me, hopeing assuredly, through the mercy of God and the meritts of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to inheritt life immortall when this mortall one shall have an end; and my body I committ to the earth, to be decently interr'd, at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And as to the worldly estate of which it hath pleased God in mercy to make me his steward, and which is now indisposed of, I give and dispose thereof in manner following: Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto Dorcas, my loveing wife, all such ready money as I shall have by me att the time of my decease, and seventeen pounds due by mortgage from one Thomas Merry of Whittington, and all the money that shall be justly owing to me from my son George Hector, he out of the same paying, leaving, and discharging all my debts and funeral charges. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son George Hector and Elizabeth his wife, Benjamin Hector and Mary his wife, Henry Boillton, and alsoe to Mr. Thomas Smaldrige, and Mr. John Parker, tenn shillings a-piece, to buy them rings. Item, I

give and bequeath unto my seven grandchildren ten shillings a-piece, which my mind and will is shall severally be paid them within one month next after my decease. Item, I nominate and appoint my said loveing wife Dorcas Hector full and sole executrix ABSTRACTS OF WILLS. CCXC111 of this my last will, upon whose care and integritie I have great confidence for the just and due distribution of this my estate, and I desire her to see the same in all things performed. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal November the twenty-ninth, in the eight yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lady Anne, by the grace of God Queene over Great Brittaine, &c. annoq. Domini 1709. EDM. HECTOK. (L.S.) Signed, sealed, and published in the presence and sight of us whose names are subscribed as witnesses hereto, who severally subscribed our names hereto, in the presence and sight of the said testator, EDM. HECTOR. RICH'D HAMMOND. DORCAS RAHENN. MARY MILLWARD. Proved 18th December, 1710, on the oath of Dorcas Hector, widow, the sole executrix. Examined 6th December, 1851. J. MOTT, Reg.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Dorcas Hector, of the city and county of Lichfield, widow, being indisposed in body but of sound mind and memory, praised be God, do make this my will and testament, in manner following: First, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, hopeing through the mercy and meritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ to enjoy eternel rest; my body I committ to the earth to be decently interr'd at the discrecion of my two sons George and Benjamin Hector, whom I do hereby make and appoint executors of this my will. Item, I give and bequeath to my grandson George Boylston one guinea, and to my grandson Edmund Hector two silver spoons. Item, I give to my said two sons George and Benjamin Hector all my ready moneys and securitys for money whatsoever and wheresoever, equally to be divided between them after debts and funerall charges are paid. Item, I give to my said son Benjamin Hector all my household goods and implements of household whatsoever. And I do hereby revoake all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have heretoo sett and putt my hand and scale the seven and twentyth day of August, in the thirteenth year of the reigne of King George over Great Britaine, &c. annoq. Dni 1726. DORCAS HECTOR, her marke. (L.S.) Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said testatrix to be her last will and testament, in the presence of JOSEPH PARKER. ELIZABETH WRIGHT. STEP'N SIMPSON. Proved 2nd December, 1726, on the oath of George Hector and Benjamin Hector, the joint executors. Examined 5th December, 1851. J. MOTT, Reg.

George Hector of Lichfield, Staffs surgeon c1676-1743
b c1676
m *aged 20, of Lichfield* (by Lichfield licence, 26 Oct) 29 Oct 1696 Kingsbury, Warwicks: Elizabeth Brooks; b c1676
i *as Mr George Hector of Litchfield* 4 Dec 1743 Shifnal
(a Lichfield Land Tax Commissioner) *1702
(as a midwife, attended the birth of Samuel Johnson) 1709
(Magistrate, Lichfield) 17 Jul 1714
(Member, Lichfield Corporation) 17 Jul 1714-22 Jun 1728
(Senior Bailff, Lichfield) 25 Jul 1719
(Churchwarde, Lichfield St Mary) 1719-22
(as of Lilleshall Lodge surgeon, took apprentice Edmund son of William Withers, at a premium of £100) 1730 [ANCESTRY]
(of "The Old Lodge", Lilleshall, Salop)
chn: Elizabeth Hector c 24 Nov 1698 Lichfield St Mary; i 6 Apr 1708 Lichfield St Michael
Brooks Hector c 26 Sep 1700 Lichfield St Mary below
Mary Hector c 29 Dec 1702 Lichfield St Mary; m 25 Oct 1730 Lilleshall: Edmund Seager of Atherstone, Warwicks (M.D., St Andrews)
Penelope Hector c 20 Nov 1704 Lichfield St Mary; m 9 Feb 1740 Shifnal: John Leake of Newport, Salop
Ann Hector c 17 Oct 1706 Lichfield St Mary; m ----- Hurd; (brother of Richard Hurd [1720-1808], Bishop of Worcester)
Sarah Hector c 1 Dec 1708 Lichfield St Mary; m (by Lichfield licence, 15 Feb 1734) Edmund Withering surgeon; (and had chn: William Withering M.D. 1741-1799 [DNB])
George Hector c 5 Sep 1710 Lichfield St Mary further below
Charlotte Hector c 7 Nov 1711 Lichfield St Mary; m 30 Jun 1732 Shifnal: William Horner
Frances Hector c 24 Oct 1713 Lichfield St Mary; i 1 Dec 1713 Lichfield St Michael
Lydia Hector c 3 Apr 1715 Lichfield St Mary; i 15 May 1717 Lichfield St Michael
Honora Hector c 10 Jul 1717 Lichfield St Mary; i 6 Nov 1721 Lichfield St Michael

(26 Oct 1696, Lichfield) Georgium Hector de civitate Lichen: celebem aetatis 20 annorum ad minus et Elizabetham Brookes parochia Kingsbury solutam astatis 21 annorum ad minus. Ministro de Kingsbury. Edmondus Hector, pater,

On the 30th April, 1740, we find that a lease for twenty-one years was granted to Mr. George Hector of "a little piece of land in the Dovehouse Fields." Mr. George Hector retired from Lichfield, and afterwards lived at the Old Lodge near Lilleshall in Shropshire. [STEMMATA BOTEVILLIANA]

(4 Dec 1743, Shifnal) Mr George Hector of Litchfield was Buried Here December the 4th 1743

(29 Oct 1696, Kingsbury, Warwicks) Mr George Hector of Lichfield & Mrs Eliz: Brooks

Sept. 7, [September 18 under the Gregorian Calandar], 1709, I was born at Lichfield. My mother had a very difficult and dangerous labour, and was assisted by George Hector, a man-midwife of great reputation. I was born almost dead, and could not cry for some time. When he had me in his arms, and said, "Here is a brave boy."
. . . [Samuel Johnson's own account]

(29 Sep 1712) Assignment. Sarah Brookes of Lichfield, of a messuage lands and appurtenances in Lea Marston, co. War., to John Edwards of Lichfield, tobacconist, in trust for George Hector of Lichfield, chirurgion. [Birmingham Archives MS 917/2151]

(21 Feb 1716.7) Release. Thomas Brooke of Inner Temple, London, Edmund Clarke of London, Thomas Ward of same, George Hector of Lichfield and Benjamin Hector of same. Messuage lands and appurtenances in Lea Marston, Kingsbury and Curdworth, co. War.
[Birmingham Archives MS 917/2162]

Brooke Hector of Lichfield, Staffs M.D. 1700-1773
c *as Brooks* 26 Sep 1700 Lichfield St Mary *son of George Hector of Lichfield, Staffs surgeon c1676-1743*
m1 15 Nov 1732 Shifnal, Salop: Elizabeth Smith; b c1710; d *aged 32* 22 Jul 1742; i 26 Jul 1742 Lichfield Cathedral
m2 6 May 1748 Mancetter, Warwicks: Mary Barrett; b c1706; d *aged 77* 14 Mar 1783
d *aged 74* 13 Dec 1773; i *aged 74* 16 Dec 1773 Lichfield Close; Will (Lichfield) 4 Jun 1765/19 Nov 1783
(aged 16, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 23 Aug 1717 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 31 Jan 1721.2
(M.A.) 1724
(M.B.) 1727
(M.D.)
(of Market Street, Lichfield)
[SIMMS]
chn: Elizabeth Hector c 9 Apr 1734 Lichfield Cathedral; m 22 Dec 1768 Walsall: Thomas Spurrier
Thomas Hector b c1736 below
[2] Brooke Hector c 23 Jan 1748 Lilleshall, Salop further below

(26 Sep 1700, Lichfield St Mary) Brooks[sic] son of Mr Geo: Hector bapt.

(M.I., Lichfield Cathedral) Near this place lie the remains of Brooke Hector, M.D. late of the adjoining city, who died 13th December, 1773. aged 74. Also, Elizabeth, his first Wife, who died 22d July, 1742 aged 32 And Mary, his second,. Wife, who died March 14, 1783 aged 77. ARMS: Azure, two lions rampant combatant, or.

Near this place lie the remains of Brooke Hector, M.D. late of the adjoining city, who died 13th December, 1773, aged 74. Also Elizabeth his first wife, who died 22nd July, 1742, aged 32; And Mary his second wife, who died March 14th, 1783, aged 77. Arms Azure, two lions rampant combatant or.

I, Brooke Hector, of Lichfield, in the county of Stafford, make my last will and testament in manner following: First, my will is, that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid, and that my body be buried privately and decently in the same vault with my first wife Elizabeth, in the Cathedral Church of Lichfield. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, over and above one thousand pounds now due to her, the sum of one thousand pounds more. If my sister Ebdell survive her husband I charge all my lands with the payment of ten pounds yearly to her, the first payment to be made immediately upon the death of her husband. Item, I give and

bequeath to my dear wife Mary Hector the dwelling house in which I now live, situate in Market Street in the city of Lichfield, together with all furniture, linnen, and plate thereto belonging, to be enjoy'd by her during her natural life, and after her decease to my son Thomas and his heirs. And likewise I give to my said wife the sum of forty pounds, to be assisting in her maintenance before she may happen to receive her jointure. Also all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate, of what nature and kind soever, including my estate at Harlaston, after the death of my wife I give to my son Thomas and his heirs. And I hereby make and appoint Mary Hector my dear wife and my said son Thomas executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five. BROOKE HECTOR. (L.S.) Signed, sealed, published, and declared in the presence of us, who are witnesses hereto. ELIZABETH JACKSON. JOHN BOND. THOMAS HUGHES. ABSTRACTS OF WILLS. CCXCV The legacy bequeathed as above to my daughter is now of no account, it having been paid, and all due to her as her fortune in marriage to Tho. Spurrier, of Walsall, December the twenty-second, 1768, by me, BROOKE HECTOR. Proved 19th November, 1783, on the oath of Thomas Hector, the surviving executor. Personal estate sworn under £100. Examined 6th December, 1851. J. MOTT, Reg.

Thomas Hector of Shenstone, Staffs c1736-1811
b c1736 *son of Brooke Hector of Lichfield, Staffs M.D. 1700-1773*
m Mary -----; i *as of Lichfield aged 76* 27 Feb 1830 Shenstone
i *Thomas Hector of Whittington Gent. aged 75* 29 May 1811 Shenstone
chn: Mary Hector c 15 Feb 1776 Shenstone
Elizabeth Hector c 14 May 1778 Shenstone
Thomas Hector c 16 Jan 1784 Shenstone
Penelope Hector c 16 Jan 1784 Shenstone; m 18 Oct 1803 James Walthall Hammond of
Wistaston 1765-1822; (and had chn); d 9 Jan 1854
Sarah Hector b 23 Apr 1785 PR; c 26 Jun 1788 Weeford
Ann Hector c 26 Jun 1788 Weeford
Edmond Hector i 1 Mar 1795 Shenstone

[? (of Lichfield) 1779 1780 1783 [MR, as Mr Hector ... surgeon/apothecary]

(1790) Thomas Hector of Shenstone-park money-scrivener [a bankrupt] [NEW MAGAZINE]

(1790) Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Hector, late of Shenstone Park, but now of the Parish of Weeford, in the County of Stafford, Money-scrivener, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt is hereby required .... [GENERAL MAGAZINE]

(29 May 1811, Shenstone) Thomas Hector of Whittington Gent. aged 75 [b c1736]

(27 Feb 1830) Lately at Lichfield Mary relict of Thomas Hector gent. [BIRMINGHAM JOURNAL]

Thomas Hector survived his step-mother, and may possibly have been the Thomas Hector who in 1797 was land-lord of the White Hart Inn, Digbeth, Birmingham, a house belonging to the Carless family. He is stated to have had a wife and children.

Elizabeth Hector, his sister, was married, probably in 1768, to Thomas Spurrier of Walsall. She had three children, of whom the daughter married John Calvert and had issue, and the younger son, Walter, died a widower. The elder son, Thomas Hector Spurrier, matriculated on 24 Apl. 1788, aged 18, at Worcester College, Oxford, as son of Thomas Spurrier, of Walsall, gent, taking his B.C.L degree in 1795. He was Vicar of Low Layton, Essex, from 1797, 1 and died without issue.

Brooke Hector of Lilleshall, Salop 1748-1803
c 23 Jan 1748 Lilleshall *son of Brooke Hector of Lichfield, Staffs M.D. 1700-1773*
m 20 Oct 1778 Edgmond: Elizabeth Adams of Newport, Salop ?1753-?1788
d Aug 1803 Newport
chn: Elizabeth Hector c 13 Aug 1779 Lilleshall; unm.; d 23 Oct 1857; i Chetwynd
Maria Hector c 14 Sep 1780 Lilleshall; m 14 May 1807 Forton: Thomas Smallwood of
Market Drayton; (and had chn)
Thomas Hector c 10 Apr 1782 Lilleshall

George Hector of Lilleshall, Salop 1710-1763
c 5 Sep 1710 Lichfield St Mary *son of George Hector of Lichfield, Staffs surgeon c1676-1743*
m1 Sarah -----; i *as Mrs Sarah Hector* 16 Feb 1741 Lilleshall
[? m of Lilleshall 20 Oct 1731 Lilleshall: Elizabeth[sic] Newell NOTE: Possibly a mistake in the original for Sarah or ? she changed her name]
m2 Elizabeth -----; [? i *as Mrs Hector* 22 Apr 1769 Lilleshall]
[? m 17 Jan 1745.6 Lilleshall: Elizabeth Spearman]
i 19 May 1763 Lilleshall
chn: Elizabeth Hector c *dau of Mr George Hector and Sarah[sic] his wife* 14 Aug 1732 Lilleshall; i *as infant* 26 Jun 1735 Lilleshall
[2] Penelope Hector c 25 Oct 1747 Lilleshall; m 27 Dec 1770 Lilleshall: John Wood of
Wiston Cross, Salop
Brooke Hector c 23 Jan 1748 Lilleshall
Edmund Hector c 4 Jun 1750 Lilleshall; d Mar 1829; (had no chn)
Benjamin Hector c 16 May 1752 Lilleshall; "a surgeon at Atherstone, who died without issue at Little Whiston"
Sarah Hector c 16 May 1752 Lilleshall; m 1 Mar 1771 Lilleshall: John Spearman; (and had chn)
Elizabeth i 29 Mar 1759 Lilleshall

Benjamin Hector of Longdon, Staffs surgeon 1682-1757
c 31 Aug 1682 Lichfield St Mary *son of Edmund Hector of Lichfield, Staffs surgeon c1637-1709*
m 18 Feb 1707.8 Longdon: Mary Walton dau and heir of Richard Walton; i *Mary Hector widow was buried from Longdon* 19 Jul 1763 Sandon
i *Benjamin Hector of Longdon Gent: Aet 75* 13 Jul 1757 Sandon
(as of Lichfield surgeon, took apprentice, with a prmeium of £70, John Bradgate of Warwick, son of Mary a widow) 1718
(Sheriff, Lichfield) 25 Jul 1727
(as of Lichfield surgeon, took apprentice, with a premium of £100, James Tagg, son of Thomas) 1741
chn: Edmund Hector b 30 Jan 1708.9 Lichfield below
Ann Hector c 10 Jan 1710.1 Lichfield St Mary; m 13 Dec 1738 Coleshill: Walter Carless (Vicar of Standon, Staffs) 1714-1757; d 1788 "was Johnson's "first love,"
Mary Hector c 3 Aug 1714 Lichfield St Mary; i 26 Aug 1716 Lichfield St Michael
Philip Hector c 12 Sep 1720 Lichfield St Mary; i 15 Sep 1741 Lichfield St Michael

(30 Sep 1740) Lease for a year by (1) to (2) of Cleathill Farm, Longdon, Staffs. (1) Benjamin Hector of Lichfield, chirurgion and his wife Mary, daughter and heir of Richard Walton. (2) John Townsend of Lyons Inn, Middx., gent. [DURHAM UNIVERSITY: SHIPPERSDON PAPERS 4677]

(13 Jul 1757, Sandon) Buried Benjamin Hector of Longdon Gent: Aet 75
(19 Jul 1763, Sandon) Mary Hector widow was buried from Longdon

Edmund Hector of Birmingham, Warwicks surgeon 1709-1794
b 30 Jan 1708.9 Lichfield
m1 *of Birmingham St Philip gent.* (by Lichfield licence, 12 May 1740) Elizabeth Power dau of A---- Power of Kenilworth, Warwicks; (but had no chn); i 30 Mar 1741 Kenilworth
m2 16 Aug 1742 Birmingham St Philip: Mary Gibbons; (? but had no chn); [? i 30 Jun 1769 Birmingham St Philip]
d 2 Sep 1794; i Birmingham St Philip; M.I. [below]
[ODNB]
(friend of Samuel Johnson)
(of "1 The Square", Birmingham consulting-surgeon) 1747
(of Birmingham) 1779 1780 1783 [MR]

(2 Sep 1794) At Birmingham, in his 85th year, Edmund Hector, esq., the school-fellow, and, through life, the intimate friend, of the late Dr. Samuel Johnson ; a gentleman eminent for skill and assiduity in his public character as a surgeon, and much and deservedly esteemed in private life for his benevolence of disposition, liberality of sentiment, and urbanity of manners. [GENT.MAG]

He leaves all his property to Walter Carless Hopper [1772-185 3], son of his niece Ann Carless by George Hopper, and father of Edmund Hector Hopper, alias Shipperdson, beforementioned. He mentions several "cousins," whose exact relationship I do not know. John Pierson of Tettenhall was probably of the same family as Thomas Pearson of Tettenhall, gent., whose son John Pearson 2 [1772-1841], advocate general of the East India Company at Bengal, was father of Thomas Hooke Pearson a [1806-92], general in the army and C.B. It will be noticed that Elizabeth Jesson, a second cousin of Dr. Johnson, married a John Pearson of Wolverhampton in 1711

M.S. EDMUNDI HECTOR. Natus Die XXX Jan. M.DCCVIII [1708 old style] Birmingham itc Artem Chirurgicam per Annos Sexaginta quinque Multa cum Laude Exercuit. Denatus Die ii. Sep. M.DCCXCIV. jEtatis suse LXXXVI. Vir Probus Benevolus Pius Neque magis in sua Quam in Publics Commoda Natus. [STEMMATA BOTEVILLIANA]

In 1732 Johnson became the guest of Mr. Hector, an old schoolfellow and friend, who was then established as a surgeon at Birmingham. Mr. Hector lodged with a bookseller of the name of Warren, who was the proprietor of a journal; and by this accidental association Johnson first came forth in his proper character of an author. He contributed essays to Warren's paper, and undertook to translate and abridge for him from the French a " Voyage to Abyssinia," by Father Lobo, a Portuguese Jesuit. His manner of executing this his earliest literary task was curiously cha- racteristic. Having made a commencement, his indolence got the better of him, and the printer was soon at a stand-still. On Mr. Hector representing to him that the poor man and his family were suffering from his neglect to supply the press, he instantly resumed his work, but did it lying in bed, dictating off-hand to Mr. Hector, who held the pen, and taking so little interest in the result, that he had not the curiosity to cast his eye upon the proof-sheets, of which few were ever seen by him. But the most remarkable part of the undertaking is the preface, which exhibits the peculiar turn of thought and style which are associated with his name, and in one passage quoted by Boswell exhibits them in their maturest form. He ceased to be the guest of Mr. Hector after six months, and hired lodgings in another part of Bir- mingham. Johnson's first love was the sister of his friend Hector. This passion, he told Boswell, dropped imperceptibly out of his head, and the lady subsequently married Mr. Careless, a clergyman." [Extracted from the Early Life of Johnson, in the Quarterly Review, vol. ciii. pp. 315 317. in STEMMATA BOTEVILLIANA]